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BARBER CLIPPER HOLDER

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FIG. 1

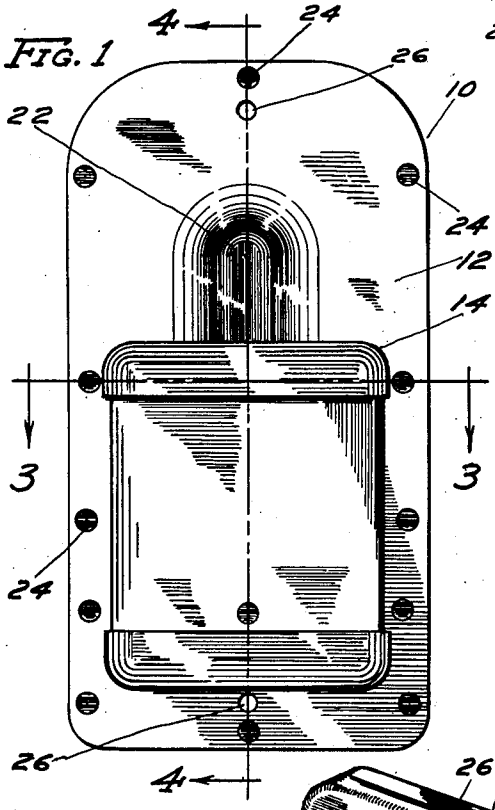


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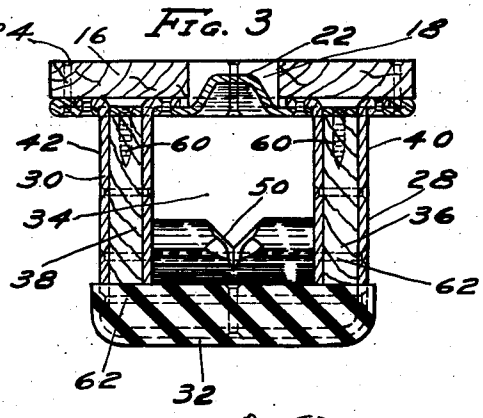


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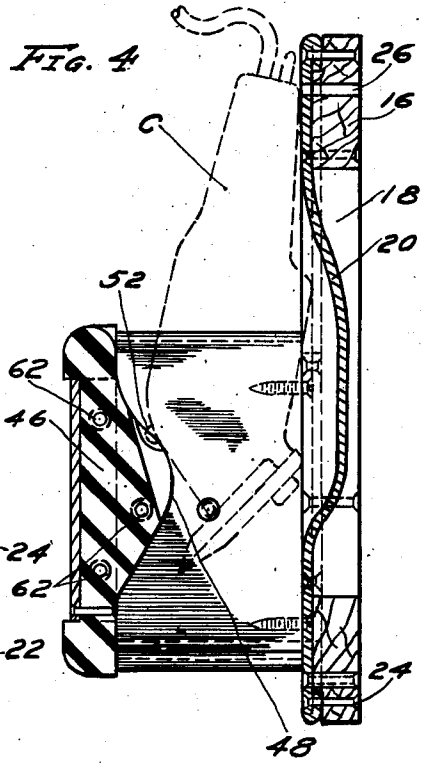
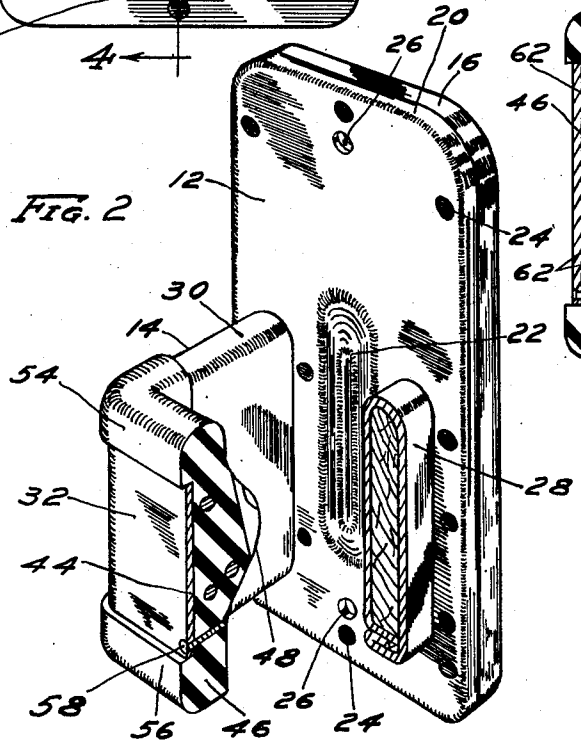


FIG. 2



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This invention relates to a barber clipper holder, and more particularly to a device for retaining hair clippers of the type ordinarily used by barbers and the like in readily accessible position and in sanitary condition.

It is well known that barbers in the tonsorial profession, in addition to other implements and tools, use electrically operated mechanical clippers for cutting hair. These clippers are used only intermittently during the hair cutting operation, and must be readily accessible. Furthermore, during the periods when the tool is not actually being used, the cutting blades and other fragile parts must be protected from breakage resulting from dropping, accidental jarring and the like. Moreover, for sanitary reasons, the clippers cannot be stored in closed containers, but must be retained in such a manner that hairs and the like, which ordinarily adhere to the instrument blades, may be removed from contact therewith without accumulating in the container.

Heretofore no such holder of a practical nature has been introduced, so that most barbers merely store the clippers on shelves or within drawers and the like. Obviously, such a practice is non-sanitary, and offers no protection to the instruments. Hence, the blades are continuously being broken and necessarily must be replaced. When the clippers are placed in a drawer the cords become frayed, thus exposing the wires which often times result in electrical shorts with resulting fire hazards and the like.

It is, therefore, a primary object of this invention to provide a holder for barber clippers which will overcome all of the objections stated above.

Another object is to afford a barber clipper holder which permits ready admission of the clipper therein and ready withdrawal therefrom. An object relating thereto is to afford a barber clipper holder which will retain the clipper in readily accessible position.

A further object is to provide a holder which will protect the barber clipper and will prevent breakage of the cutting elements and the like during the time that the tool is not in use.

Still another object is to afford a holding device for barber clippers which will permit their sanitary storage and maintenance.

Still a further object is to provide a barber clipper holder of universal design so that it will accommodate practically all known types and designs of hair clippers.

Yet another object is to afford a clipper storage device which will minimize breakage of parts resulting from excessively rough handling. An object relating thereto is to provide shock-absorbing means in the holder.

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And yet a further object is to provide a barber clipper holder of simple, sturdy, yet effective and inexpensive construction.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, arrangement and a combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of the structure may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

For the purpose of facilitating an understanding of our invention, we have illustrated in the accompanying drawings a preferred embodiment thereof, from an inspection of which, when considered in connection with the foregoing description, our invention, its mode of construction, assembly and operation, and many of its advantages should be readily understood and appreciated.

Referring to the drawings in which the same characters of reference are employed to indicate corresponding or similar parts throughout the several figures of the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a holder constructed in accordance with the principles of our invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder with a portion of the walls cut away to reveal certain features of construction;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the plane of line 3—3 in Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction indicated; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken in elevation on the plane of line 4—4 in Fig. 1 and showing in dotted outline a barber clipper retained therein.

Referring now to the drawings, reference numeral 10 indicates generally a barber clipper holder comprising a generally rectangular shaped flat back member 12 with a clipper retaining enclosure 14 mounted on the face of the lower portion of the back 12 in such a manner as to accommodate therein a clipper C as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

The back 12 may comprise a wooden panel 16 having an elongated central vertical groove 18 formed therein; the entire panel being covered with a sheet of abrasive-resistant material such as metal 20. This sheet of metal 20 may be shaped in its central portion to conform with

the slot 18 as shown at 22, for the purpose of accommodating therein any protruding parts of the clipper C as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

The metal sheet 20 may be affixed to the wooden panel 16 by means of rivets such as 24 and apertures such as 26 may be formed therethrough at the top and bottom portions to permit ready mounting of the device to any flat structure.

The enclosure 14 comprises a pair of spaced parallel walls 28 and 30 projecting outwardly from the flat base 12 and joined at their outer ends by means of a wall 32, so that the three walls 28, 30 and 32 define a clipper retaining space 34. The walls 28 and 30 may be formed of wooden panels 36 and 38 respectively entirely sheathed in metal sheets 40 and 42 respectively. The front wall 32 comprises a metal sheet 44 which may be formed integrally with the metal sheets 40 and 42 of the side walls. This metal sheet 44 is partially encased in a novel guard member 46. This guard member may be formed of any shock absorbing material, but in the embodiment chosen for illustration, the material is shown as hard rubber.

This guard member 46 is formed with a thickened central portion 48 protruding inwardly into the space 34 and shaped to cooperate with the back member 12 in supporting in wedging relationship the clipper C as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The protruding part 48 may be formed with a shaped central vertical slot 50 to accommodate various protruding clipper parts such as the screw head 52 shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. To readily mount this guard on the front wall sheet 44 the front portion is under cut to provide top and bottom flange portions 54 and 56. This construction permits the guard member to be inserted over and mounted on the back of plate 44 as shown in Figs. 2 and 4 of the drawings.

Rivets such as 58 may be used to more securely fasten the guard 46 to the plate 44. Wood screws such as 60 may be used to fasten the side wall panels 36 and 38 to the back wall 12 as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. Transverse rivets such as 62 may be utilized in retaining guard 46 in position.

Although the holder is shown as constructed of metal-sheathed wood, it is obvious that numerous other materials, and methods of assembly may be employed in the construction of the device without departing from the spirit and scope of our invention.

In operation, the holder is fastened or hung, by means of apertures 26 in some convenient location. After the barber finishes using the clipper, he merely drops it into the space 34. The front part of the clipper C is engaged by the curved protruding portion 48 of guard 46 and is thereby guided into wedging position between the guard and back member 12; any protruding parts of the back of the clipper being accommodated in the groove 22 so that it will not interfere with the wedging operation. Since wedging is accomplished primarily only through the force of gravity acting upon the clipper C, the wedging of the clipper is not excessively secure in the holder. Hence, to remove the clipper it is necessary to exert very little effort in lifting it out of the holder.

From a sanitary viewpoint, any extraneous materials such as adhering hairs and the like are shaken free from the clipper when the same is dropped into the receptacle. Since the holder is open at the bottom, these materials fall directly to the floor rather than accumulating in the receptacle and thus creating unsanitary condition therein.

It is believed that our invention, its mode of construction and assembly, and many of its advantages should be readily understood from the foregoing without further description, and it should also be manifest that while a preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described for illustrative purposes, the structural details are nevertheless capable of wide variation within the purview of our invention as defined in the appended claims.

What we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. In a device for removably holding a hair clipper with its cutter head directed downwardly, a vertical back member adapted to be secured to a support, an enclosure comprising spaced side walls secured at their rear edges to the back member, a front wall connecting the forward edges of the side walls, said enclosure being open at its top and bottom, a solid rubber block secured to the inner face of the front wall of the enclosure, and a central enlargement formed on the inner face of the rubber block upon which a portion of the hair clipper may rest when positioned in the enclosure and be retained in a slightly wedged position in the device, said central enlargement being provided with a vertical slot to accommodate protruding elements on the portion of the hair clipper that engages with said central enlargement.

2. In a device for removably holding a hair clipper with its cutter head directed downwardly, a vertical back member adapted to be secured to a support, an enclosure comprising spaced side walls secured at their rear edges to the back member, a front wall connecting the forward edges of the side walls, said enclosure being open at its top and bottom, a solid rubber block secured to the inner face of the front wall, flanges formed on the top and bottom edges of said rubber block for engagement over the top and bottom edges respectively of said front wall of the enclosure, and a curved enlargement formed on the inner face of the central portion of the rubber block upon which a portion of the hair clipper may rest when positioned in the enclosure and be retained therein in a slightly wedged position.

3. The device of claim 2 in which the central curved enlargement is provided with a vertical slot to accommodate protruding elements on the portion of the hair clipper that engages with said enlargement.

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